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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
GERD JONAS ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 1771  
SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : EXAMINER: BEFUMO, J.  
FOR: ABSORBENT INSERTS, METHOD:  
OF PRODUCING THEM AND  
THEIR USE :

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-21 without prejudice to their further presentation in a Continuation application.

Please add the following new Claims:

22. (New) An absorbent insert for a packaging, comprising:

a top and a bottom covering layer; and

a core which absorbs an aqueous liquid and includes an absorbent polymer;

wherein the absorbent polymer has a quotient  $Q_{SAP\ 0.3}$  calculated from retention and absorption under a pressure of 0.3 psi (21 g/cm<sup>2</sup>) and from an amount of a soluble ratio of at least 20 and a retention of at least 22 g/g.

23. (New) The absorbent insert of Claim 22, wherein the polymer has a  $Q_{SAP\ 0.3}$  of at